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For: PAYMENT FORM DISCRIMINATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS AND
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT
SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(f) and in response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Notice To File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 7, 2001, enclosed are the Substitute Drawings of Figs. 1 and 2 for completing the missing parts of the subject application. It is requested that these Drawings be entered in the file for the above-referenced application and that the application be advanced to examination.

With regard to the requirement that Figs. 3-5 be revised to remove the non-English text, it is respectfully requested that this requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn in view of the following.

Figs. 3-5 show examples of payment forms and contain non-English characters, specifically, these figures contain Kanji characters. However, the present invention is directed to discriminating characters on a payment form and, thus, translating these characters into English would change their meaning and be contrary to that which is being illustrated in these figures. Since these figures are illustrating examples of payment forms which are to be discriminated according to the present invention, it is necessary to maintain them in their current form. Further, translating these characters would likely result in confusion as to the

nature of the invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to submit substitute Figs. 3-5 be withdrawn.

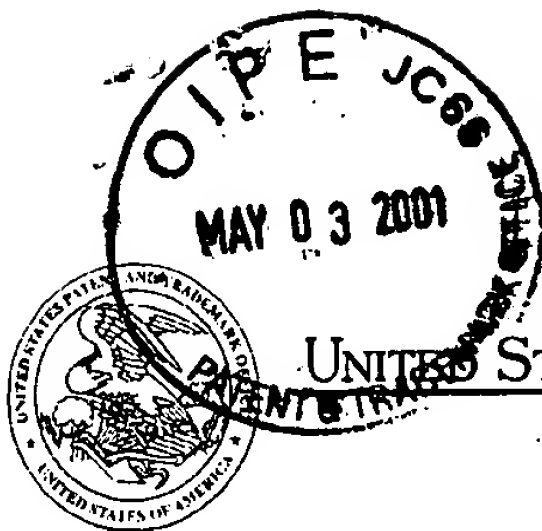
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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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